ment proposals approved with Dannis firms are as under:—

Year	No. of proposals involving foreign direct investment	Amount of foreign direct investment approved (Rs. in crores)
1991	5	11.17
1992	10	25.23
1993	8	31.90
1994 (upto to March)	1	12.50

(c) to (e) No Sir. These proposals have been cleared in terms of the Statement on Industrial policy laid on the Table of both House of Parliament on 24th July, 1991.

Sick Units in small scale sector

7037. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether small scale industry sector accounted for 99.3 per cent of the total sick or weak units at the end of March, 1992 as per Economic Survey;

(b) whether out of 2.48 lakh sick weak units, 2.46 lakhs were SSI units.

(c) whether the amount outstanding increased from 10.767.82 crores at the end of March, 1991 to Rs. 11,533.30 crores at the end of March, 1992;

(d) whether Government are considering to take immediate steps in this regard;

(e) if so, what are the main points of the 'action plan' prepared by Government;

(f) what are the steps being taken to improve the position of sick units; and

(g) whether it has also been suggested that Government need to revive the nature of assistance to SSIs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Small Scale Industry Sector accounted for 99.1 per cent of the total number of sick or weak units at the end of March, 1992.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. The total amount outstanding in respect of Small Scale and large units was Rs. 10767.82 crores in March, 1991 and Rs. 11533.30 crores in March, 1992, out of which the amoun outstanding for SSI sector stood at Rs. 2792.04 crores in Mar. 1991 and Rs 3109.67 crores in March, 1992 respectively.

(d) to (g) Both Central and State Government take measures for revival of sick units. These are as under—

(1) To take care of the managerial problems, Government run training programmes for entrepreneurship development: organise workshops, hold clinics, etc.

(2) To take care of the technological problems, Government has been providing inspection of the units by technical officers, workshop facilities through SISIs, testing facilities and other technical guidance and assistance through Regional Testing Centres, Tool Rooms and Product-cum-Process Development Centres.

(3) To take care of the marketing problem, Central Government provides marketing support through price preference, purchase preference in the Government Purchase Programme, marketing support through National

Small Industries Corporation. State Governments provide marketing support through State Small Industries Development Corporation.

(4) Provision of infrastructural support is the responsibility of the State Governments who make available developed industrial plots, sheds, etc.

(5) Central Government is also concerned with the provision of finance through financial institutions to the sick industrial units in their rehabilitation programmes. The steps taken/proposed to be taken to revive the sick units to take care of the financial problems are as under:—

(i) Issuance of detailed guidelines by RBI to all scheduled commercial banks in regard to rehabilitation of sick units.

(ii) Financial assistance in the form of long term equity type assistance upto Rs. 1,50,000/- to units with a project cost not exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs at a nominal service charge of one percent per annum is also available to potentially viable sick SSI units from the National Equity Fund set up in August, 1987.

(iii) At the instance of the Central Government, the RBI had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Ex-Deputy Governor, Shri P. R. Nayak. which submitted its report in September, 1992. The Committee looked into the problems of credit, sickness and other relevant aspects. The Committee has made several recommendation for the revival of sick units which include a modified definition of sick SSI Units, creation of separate cells by banks, setting up of State Level Tribunals, use of DICs as a forum for redressal of grievances, revitalisation of State Level Inter-Institutional Committees, etc. The RBI has already announced its decision on some of its recommendations such as modified definition of sick units and reduced rate of interest to be charged on the rehabilitation of sick units.

(iv) RBI has decided that SSI sector would be getting upto 20 per cent of their output by way of working capital loan.

(v) SSI forms part of the priority sector lending programme of the banks.

Setting up of Export Development Centre

7038. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Export Development Centre has been set up in the Small Industries Development Organization;

(b) if so, what are the functions thereof; and

(c) what has been the Centre's performance, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

गुजरात में उद्योगों की स्थापना

7039. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार को पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के सूरत, बड़ोदरा, अंकलेश्वर, वापी, भरूच तथा बलसाड में महत्वपूर्ण भारी उद्योग स्थापित किये जाने संबंधी अनेक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) सरकार ने उपरोक्त प्रस्तावों पर अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की है ; और